



April 7, 2011

CAM400/WHITTEMORE AVE AREA CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
Surface Improvements Begin Week of April 19

Dear Neighbor,

Infrastructure construction is nearing completion on Seagrave Road, Whittemore Avenue, Kassul Park, Kimball Street, Harrison Avenue, Madison Avenue, Magoun Street, and Columbus Avenue. The City's contractor, P. Gioioso & Sons, is expected to start sidewalk and curbing reconstruction the week of April 19 followed by roadway resurfacing through August 2011. Crews are tentatively scheduled to begin on Harrison Ave. We will provide updates as the work progresses.

Please review the attached form and consider your options for sidewalk material in front of your residence. It is the City's policy to replace the existing material with the same material (i.e. concrete with concrete, brick with brick) at no cost. However, if you are interested in changing your frontage material, you have that option.

If you would like to change from concrete to brick, you are responsible for the increased cost for installing brick. The average cost of switching from concrete to brick, at \$372 per square yard, would be approximately \$9,900 for a 40' frontage and \$19,800 for an 80' frontage, but the exact cost will depend on the length and width of your frontage.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns at 617.349.4870 or kdunn@cambridgema.gov. We thank you for your patience during this construction, and hope you enjoy these improvements once they are complete.

Sincerely,

Kelly Dunn
Community Relations Manager
Cambridge Department of Public Works

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: The City asks that residents please abide by the one-way streets in the neighborhood. Streets posted as two-way due to construction will have signage. If a street is not temporarily designated as two-way, please observe the one-way direction. Thank you for your cooperation.



Sidewalk Material Selection Form

It is the City's policy to replace existing sidewalks with the same material (concrete with concrete, brick with wire cut brick). However, during this project, property owners will have the option of changing their sidewalk material as described in this form. In considering the options for sidewalk materials, please be informed that concrete is the material most frequently used in the city and provides a relatively inexpensive, durable and easy to maintain accessible sidewalk.

Date: _____

Property Owner Name: _____

Property Owner Address: _____

Address to have sidewalk replaced (if different from above):

Property Owner Telephone Number

Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

Please check the material of your choice:

- Replace existing concrete sidewalk with wire cut brick at \$372 per square yard***
- Replace existing brick sidewalk with concrete (no charge)
- Keep existing material (*no charge and no need to submit form*)

*** Property owners may choose to have wire cut brick sidewalks instead of concrete sidewalks. However, this will cost the property owner \$ 372 per square yard in order to cover the difference in cost between concrete and brick. Payments can be made by cash, check, Visa, or MasterCard [please note that the City cannot accept credit card payments over \$1,000].

Please sign below before returning the form. In so doing, you affirm that:

I am the owner of the property in question and I understand that the cost of upgrading to brick is \$372 per square yard. If I have selected this option the City will calculate the cost based on the square footage and present the costs to me; I will indicate my acceptance by paying the full cost within 14 days of the date of the invoice. If my payment is not received by then, the City will replace my sidewalk with the existing material.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return this form by Thursday, April 21, 2011 to Tracy Dwyer, Department of Public Works, 147 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA, 02139, or fax 617-349-4868.